

# THE CHARITON COURIER.

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THE Monroe county News says: "We have heard of a number of cattle being killed by eating the husks and fodder which hogs chewed of the new crop of corn."

THE express and railroad offices at Terre Haute, Indiana, are short in their accounts between \$20,000 and \$40,000. The agents of the railroad and the express company are both missing, and it is supposed that they got the money.

A SEVERE wind and rain-storm passed over Emporia, Kas., last Saturday evening. The worst damage done was the wrecking of the new east wing of the state normal building, which was recently dedicated and which cost \$50,000. Considerable damage was done to other property, but no lives were lost.

KEIR HARDIE, the English labor leader, sadly disturbed the usually sedate weekly meeting of the Methodist clergymen at Chicago, Monday, by a red-hot Socialistic speech, and was greeted with such a storm of ministerial disapproval that he was compelled to abandon the floor. Hardie had been invited to address the preachers.

I AM clearly of the opinion that neither congress nor any other authority can legally demonetize either silver or gold. If one coin can be devalued as money, then the other can be, and thus the constitution could be disregarded, yes, overturned. The command to congress is to coin money, not to destroy it; to create legal tender money for the use of the people, and the grant of authority to create money can not be construed to mean authority to destroy money.—Daniel Webster.

THE Kansas City Star and the associated press dispatches charge that Governor Stone gave orders to the police commissioners of Kansas City, not to enforce the law forbidding the sale of whiskey on Sunday. This report, we think, needs confirmation. The K. C. Star, for a long time, has neglected no opportunity to say hard things of Governor Stone. A disposition to abuse him has become chronic. Please tell us, "beautiful Star," by what authority you say these naughty things of the governor?

ON Friday night of last week Chas. Marion, a colored man, was arrested at Centralia on a charge of criminal assault upon Mrs. George Bell, a highly respectable white lady of Centralia. His preliminary examination was set for the 11th inst. He is of unsavory reputation, and has heretofore been charged with serious crimes, but has always escaped with light punishment. The feeling at Centralia was very strong against him and, fearing a mob, the officials took the negro across the country to Columbia for safe-keeping.

A PASSENGER train on the K. C. & Memphis railroad was wrecked near Monmouth, Kas., last Saturday, caused by the breaking of an axle on the rear coach. The damaged coach followed the train 500 feet and just as the train was crossing a bridge it tore loose and rolled over an embankment into the water. The bridge was unable to stand the jar and strain, and it fell and precipitated the whole train into the water, 20 feet below. Every person on the train was more or less hurt and some of them seriously.

THE supreme court, of Iowa, volume 16, page 251, defined money as follows in the language of Judge Wright: "Gold may fluctuate in the market. There may be a demand for it for the most legitimate purpose. Gamblers may speculate in it at the risk of sacrificing the financial, if not the dearest interests and life of the nation; and yet, when the legal test is applied, each dollar of every mode or form of currency, declared to be legal tender, has the same value without reference to the material of which it is composed. And we cannot resist the remark that the sooner this is known, accepted and acted upon, the better it will be for the national, monetary and political integrity, as well as for individual and general morality and success."

Timothy being scarce in Michigan, the farmers there are cutting and curing peppermint grass, which they claim makes a superior article of hay. They even prefer it to timothy.

The city council, of Columbia, at a late meeting passed an ordinance taxing traveling merchants, peddlers, etc., \$50 for doing business in that city. The ordinance is designed to protect home merchants from the unfair competition of itinerants.

The Herald represents the M. M. Church, South, in Columbia as being in a prosperous condition. Rev. T. E. Sharp preached at the church of that denomination last Sunday, closing his pastorate for the 3rd year, during which time there have been 276 additions.

Gov. Stone recently appointed Thos. C. Harris to be election commissioner, of St. Louis. The salary is \$2,000 a year and the appointment is said to be a good one. For many years Mr. Harris has been book-keeper for the Shapleigh Hardware Co., of St. Louis.

U. S. detectives and marshals have succeeded in breaking up a gang of counterfeiters in Southeast Missouri, the last member of it having been brought into St. Louis last week from Dunklin county. His name was Alfred Henderson, a farmer and a deacon in the church.

Wm. Schwab and Michael McDonald, railroad laborers at St. Louis, quarreled one day last week. Schwab dealt McDonald a deadly blow on the head with an iron bar and fled. He was pursued by a mob, and to make his escape jumped into the Missouri river, but was afterwards captured.

Tedda Kenna, who is charged with having burglarized the residence of J. W. Russell, the Palmyra banker, in May, 1894, when Russell and his wife were both shot, completed a sentence in the Illinois penitentiary last week and was taken from there back to Palmyra to be tried for his crime at that place.

The value of this year's crop of timothy seed in Scotland county is estimated at from \$150,000 to \$200,000. The Lancaster Republican says one farmer threshed 14 bushels of timothy from one acre. At \$2 per bushel it would bring \$28 per acre. This sort of farming certainly pays.

Sterritt McCain, a prosperous farmer residing near Hillsboro, in Jefferson county, was found dead in his bed one morning last week. It was at first supposed that he committed suicide, but later developments indicate that his death was caused by assassination. McCain leaves a wife and three children.

The gold-bugs who are hugging the delusion that big crops will kill off the sentiment of free silver, fail to take into account the item of low prices. The farmers who have been told by blatant demagogues that the reason times are hard was because they had nothing to sell, and when he finds he can scarcely sell it for what it cost to raise it, he will see the necessity for more money plainer than that ever before. The only balm in Gilead for the present evils that exist, so far as the low prices of farm products are concerned, consists in the free and unlimited coinage of silver and more money per capita.

The national encampment of the G. A. R. at Louisville this week brought the veteran comrades together from near and from far.

The gold reserve is again dropping below the \$100,000,000 mark, and another bond issue may be looked for in the no distant future. Water does not rise about its level, neither can the Cleveland administration rise above the level of the money sharks and bond syndicates of this country and Europe.

A heavy rain-storm at Webb City last Sunday night inflicted heavy losses. It poured for hour after hour until the denizens were reminded of the flood. Nothing like it was ever seen before. Streets were flooded and basements were filled to overflowing and street car tracks were washed away. Damages to the lead mines alone reached from \$40,000 to \$60,000 and may reach \$100,000.

Three young men, who were heavily armed and acted suspiciously, were arrested at Ottowa, Kas., last Monday by Sheriff Ewell and Deputy Reed. Two of them admitted that they were from Lowry City, Mo., and that their names were Ira Bunting and Peter Crayne. The third member of the trio placed under arrest at first declined to give his name, but later said he was John Henry, and that his people were respectable and that he had committed no offense. They are supposed to be the parties wanted for bank robbery at Kincaid, Mo.

## MANEUVERING FOR A FALL.

When the nomination of President Cleveland was first mentioned the suggestion was regarded as so absurd as not to be worth serious discussion, but it is evident from the persistence with which the third term idea is kept before the country that the followers of Mr. Cleveland are determined to push the question to an extreme and try conclusions with the Democratic party.

Although Mr. Cleveland, himself, is reported to be opposed to the renomination plan, his opposition cannot be depended upon to withstand persuasion. The theory upon which his supporters will proceed will undoubtedly be that Mr. Cleveland is necessary to the salvation of the country and of the Democratic party, and Mr. Cleveland has shown himself peculiarly susceptible to this argument.

It would probably be an easy matter to persuade Mr. Cleveland, if he is not already persuaded, that his candidacy is necessary to save the Democracy from itself and to convert it to "sound money." He is doubtless prepared to see in it an essential part of the campaign for the gold standard and in his nomination the crowning triumph of its propaganda.

Perhaps it is just as well for Mr. Cleveland's followers to proceed on this theory. The result is likely to put an end to third termism forever. It is also certain to prove that the majority of the Democrats not only agree with ex-Speaker Crisp in opposing a third term on principle, but go beyond that and are opposed to Clevelandism on principle.

A wholesome rebuke to a president who is greater than his party and wiser than the people would be a good thing about this time. The Cleveland followers are maneuvering for a fall.—Post-Dispatch.

## GOOD TIMES.

Single gold standard papers and speakers have much to say concerning good times that are already here or will be in the near future. They point with pride to the increase of trade, and the per diem of wage earners, also to the increased force at the factories, and last but not least they tell of the good crops that are almost universal over the country from the lakes to the gulf and from the Atlantic to the Pacific. This is all right. They are unquestionable signs of prosperity. But there is one thing they overlook entirely. Does a big yield of farm products denote prosperity to the farmer when the prices for his products are but little, if any, above the cost of production? With wheat at 40 cents per bushel and corn at 15 or 20 cents per bushel, tobacco at 2 or 3 cents per pound and other things in proportion, in fact with some of his products for which there is no demand and consequently no sale, the farmer has a poor show to pay debts or make improvements. It would not be so hard on the agricultural classes if low prices for farm products were all that he has to contend against. There is a considerable rise in almost every article he has to buy. Shoes have gone up 25 per cent., hardware of almost all kinds is advancing, groceries are no cheaper, and many other things if not going up are at a stand-still and do not fit the falling prices of farm products. Cattle and hogs sell at fair prices, and these are about all that the farmer has to build his financial hopes upon for another year, at least. Hogs, too, are an uncertain factor because they are dying all over the country of cholera for which there seems to be no remedy. Some farmers, who a few months ago expected to sell a car load of hogs this fall, have not enough swine left to make their meat.

Favoritism in legislation has brought about this state of affairs. The demonetization act which degraded half of the money of the country has worked against agricultural interests, the concentration of wealth and the formation of trusts have destroyed the natural equity that would exist between the producer and consumer, between the employer and the employee, till to-day the former class can count his gains by the millions while the latter has to be satisfied with a mere living. These are homely statements, but are they not true?

"What are you going to do about it?" says the plutocrat, as he laughs in his sleeve and admits the justice of the complaint. Corporations and trusts with the multi-millions at their disposal can safely defy the people as long as they can debauch legislative bodies and courts of justice. They have done it in the past and have become emboldened by their success. There is a remedy for these evils unless it is too late to apply it. "The money power," which Mr. Lincoln said "would ruin the republic if not checked" has grown stronger with each decade, in fact with each quadrennial till now all the demands it makes are being readily granted by legislatures and by courts. Through its influence the demonetization act became a law and by it one-half the money of the country was degraded and times have been growing worse for laboring and producing classes ever since. Let us as speedily as possible return to the old regime, and remonetize silver. It made the kind of money in this country for nearly 100 years that suited the man that earned his living by the sweat of his face, it will suit him again if given a chance. We are willing to give it a trial.

EMIL DORNER, an employment agent of Pittsburg, was attacked and robbed by a crowd of infuriated coal miners near Finleyville, O., Sunday, and left on the ground for dead. He went there to secure miners to work in the Hocking Valley mines. The miners have a grudge against Dorner, and a crowd of about 300 assaulted him.

BENJAMIN F. MYERS, 20 years old, was almost instantly killed last Monday in a ball game at Washington, D. C. He was sliding to second base in an amateur match when the baseman jumped into the air to catch a thrown ball. He dropped on Myers, his body falling on the young man's neck and dislocating his spine.

Misses Elsie Holcomb and Norinne Bartz, two of Keytesville's most amiable young ladies, left last Tuesday afternoon to resume their studies at Liberty Female college.

## A VOICE FROM COLORADO.

Frank P. Arbuckle, receiver of the land office at Denver, is an appointee of Mr. Cleveland, and is also chairman of the Democratic state committee, but for all that he is not afraid to talk. Hear what he says about Mr. Cleveland's administration:

"If the party in national convention construes Clevelandism to be synonymous with Democracy it needs no prophet to forecast its certain fate. If the man who rode into power upon its greatest tidal wave has in two short years wrecked its fortunes and laid its face in the dust, is to be commended for his accomplishments, then is Ichabod written upon our party's future."

"I have criticized this administration. I shall continue to do so as long as it continues to trample the party principles under foot. I have said and probably will continue to say it has repudiated every plank in the platform. Even the president's boasted policy of civil service reform is a by-word among all men. During his first administration Mr. Cleveland removed a district attorney in Missouri because he was trying to manipulate a party caucus. At present his secretary of interior, who, in 1890, openly advocated the sub-treasury scheme of the Farmers' alliance, is now beginning in Georgia to cast his vote for 'sound money' and encouraging his subordinates by his example to run the machine everywhere."

"It may be that I do not possess in any way the confidence of the national committee. For months past I have had no word from any of them. Possibly you may have had. I can only say that so far as I know my relations with all of them are pleasant, and if because I propose to be a Democrat, in spite of the administration and its syndicates, I have offended any of these gentlemen I shall not, much as I regret the fact, make any explanations. I am weak enough to believe that I truly represent the Democracy of Colorado and that, after all, is my chief concern."

Edward Labshaw, an employee on the river government works near Dubuque, Iowa, had 600 pounds of dynamite stored away in his cellar, to be used in his business. His son, practicing with a revolver, fired a shot into the mass and it exploded. The house was blown to pieces and five persons killed, including Mr. and Mrs. Labshaw, their two daughters, 12 and eight years old, and a man from LaCrosse.

WHEN arraigned at Richmond, Mo., last Monday, Dr. G. W. Fraker pleaded not guilty to the charge of obtaining life insurance money by false pretenses. The accusation, briefly stated, is that on the 15th of May, 1892, and on the 20th day of February, 1893, the defendant, Fraker, obtained from the Mutual Life association two policies of insurance for \$5,000, each, and that on the 10th day of July, 1893, he attempted to defraud the association by pretending to lose his life by drowning in the Missouri river.

SAN FRANCISCO has a woman deputy sheriff in the person of Miss May Simpson, who is described as a quiet, nicely dressed young woman, with nerves of steel. Her work consists mainly in escorting women who have been adjudged insane to asylums, and she is most successful in her treatment of them.

THE president has granted a respite until October 18th in the case of Thomas Westmoreland, who was to be hanged in Texas on the 13th for murder. Pardon has been granted to Charles A. Chamberlain, sentenced in Missouri for two years and confined for perjury.

WARDEN LYNCH turned in \$5,000 to the Kansas state treasury last Monday, that amount representing the products of the labor of the penitentiary convicts in that state for the month of August.

MONDAY'S statement of the condition of the treasury shows an available cash balance of \$182,296,690; gold reserve, \$98,910,772.

Theodore Shackelford, of near Prairie Chapel, will preside as principal of the public schools at Tecumseh Oklahoma, this fall and winter. Mr. Shackelford has, we believe, a land claim in Oklahoma.

Fresh bread always on hand at Swain's.

Huntsville is going to have a fair this fall.

The regular September term of the Randolph circuit court convened at Moberly last Monday afternoon.

Miss Elizabeth Hill returned home last Friday from a visit to Misses Cora and Ada Connett, of St. Joseph.

Mrs. Michael Mariane, living in the north part of town, is, we are glad to hear, recovering from a two weeks' attack of intermittent fever.

"Wee" Brooks went to Chillicothe Wednesday afternoon to work at the carpenter's trade on the \$28,000 addition to the State Reform School for Girls.

"Priam," a race horse owned by G. W. Williams, of Salisbury, won first money in a half-mile race in which there were 14 starters at the Carrollton fair one day last week.

## Marriage Licenses

Chas. N. Thralls and Miss Ruth E. Clavin; T. P. Knight, sr., and Mrs. Nancy B. Kermickel, John S. Clubb and Miss Mary Wise, T. F. Snodgrass and Miss Mattie Courtney.

## A Victim of Morphine.

A dispatch from Moberly under date of Sept. 10th says:

Theodore P. Sears, secretary and a stockholder in the Moberly Democrat Printing Co., died this morning in the office of Dr. Yewell from the effects of an overdose of morphine, hypodermically injected by himself. The young man was the only child of Mrs. Richmond, and a stepson of Judge Richmond, public administrator of Randolph county. He was well educated and refined in his habits, but in early youth contracted the liquor and morphine habit.

He took the gold cure some years ago, but was considered cured. Since then he was sent to the lunatic asylum at Fulton and kept there several months, but the doctors said he was not a lunatic. He was a good newspaper writer and a gentleman in behavior when not under the influence of intoxicants or drugs. He moved in the best society in Moberly. Dr. Yewell had been attending him and left him in the office to rest, but had not, it seems, put the deadly drug or the hypodermic syringe out of his reach.

When he came back to his office he found the young man sitting in a chair, unconscious, swaying to and fro, with the syringe still in his hand and the morphine bottle on the table. Physicians labored with him in Dr. Yewell's office until 3 o'clock Tuesday morning, applying a strong electric battery, but without success. Up to noon Monday the young man was attending to his duties at the Democrat office, apparently as well as usual.

Daniel H. Stone, a miserly farmer who lived alone, was murdered in Clay county last June. A man named Asher was arrested for the crime, but not having sufficient evidence against him he was released. George W. Russell was arrested last week charged with the same crime.

## Chinese Murders.

Dr. C. F. Reid, presiding elder of the Shanghai, China, district of the M. E. Church, South, has written a stirring letter to President Pearce, of the Kentucky Wesleyan college, in which he depicts the atrocities of the late Chinese massacre of American missionaries at Ku Cheng, and urges the U. S. government to take some action in the premises.

He says that "if the government had acted promptly in punishing the perpetrators of the first outrage the second one would have not occurred, and we would have been spared the spectacle of eight young and consecrated women being dragged from their beds and brutally massacred; helpless infants hacked to death, and a faithful servant of God burned in his bed." To punish a few coolies will be worse than useless. We must go to the source of these troubles, which is found in some of the highest officials of the empire."

The process of converting Chinese and Tatars, through the efforts of missionaries, unaided by the strong arm of Christian nations, is entirely too slow for modern times. These people ought to be made to know better than to murder innocent men and women, who obey the divine injunction, "Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature," and go and do them good. The sword has many times in the past proven itself to be a mighty civilizer, and its civilizing influences ought to be sent to China and Turkey, which have for centuries been a disgrace to humanity and a stench upon civilization.